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## ANOCA ANNOUNCES THE ORGANISATION OF THE AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES AND THE MAIDEN AFRICAN SCHOOL GAMES IN 2025

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The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA, is pleased to officially announce that two major youth sports events will be organised in Africa in 2025: the 4<sup>th</sup> African Youth Games in Angola and the maiden African School Games in Algeria.

These competitions, which aim to develop budding African sports talents and promote Olympic values across the continent, will be at the heart of discussions during the extraordinary session of the ANOCA General Assembly to be held virtually on 28 April 2025 at midday (Abuja time).







## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES WILL BE HELD IN ANGOLA IN DECEMBER 2025

### “OFFICIAL APPELLATION: ANGOLA 2025”

#### Two big events for African youths

The 4<sup>th</sup> African Youth Games will be held in Angola in December 2025, continuing the tradition of excellence established by previous editions. This multi-sport competition will bring together the cream of the continent’s young athletes for a high-level event, a fertile ground for the emergence of the next generation of African champions.







## THE MAIDEN AFRICAN SCHOOL GAMES TO BE HELD IN ALGERIA FROM 26 JULY TO 5 AUGUST 2025

In a historic move, ANOCA will also inaugurate the first ever African School Games to be held in Algeria from 26 July to 5 August 2025. This innovative initiative aims to broaden the base of the African sports pyramid by involving schools more closely in the development of continental sport. The President of the International School Sports Federation will be visiting Algeria from 2 to 5 June to discuss future meaningful cooperation with ANOCA.

The ANOCA President, Honorable Mustapha Berraf, who is also an IOC member, ANOC Vice President and President of the Olympafrica Foundation, underscores the strategic importance of these competitions: ***“These Games represent the future of African sport. By investing in our young people and creating new competition platforms suited to different levels of development, we are laying the foundations for a robust and inclusive sports ecosystem on our continent.”***







## AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO DEFINE GUIDELINES

The extraordinary General Assembly of 28 April 2025 will bring together representatives of the 54 African NOCs and IOC members in Africa to define strategic guidelines and terms and conditions for the organisation of both events.

This virtual meeting will help harmonise preparations and ensure smooth coordination among all stakeholders, in particular between the host countries, Angola and Algeria, which are actively bracing for these flagship sports events.







## GAMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN SPORT

Both competitions are part of ANOCA's overall vision, which aims to diversify opportunities for budding African talents and boost the continent's sports structures.

The African School Games, in particular, are a major innovation that will help promote talent identification at a very early age and strengthen the links between the education system and the sports movement, a model that has proved its worth in many countries with a strong sporting tradition.

### About ANOCA

Headquartered in Abuja, Nigeria, ANOCA is the continental sports governing body that brings together the 54 African NOCs working to promote Olympic values and sport development on the continent.






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